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I Am comanded by the *Knights*, and *Burgesses*, to present unto your *Lordships* their answer to what was proposed yesterday.

1 They take notice of your *Lordships* desire, that a true intelligence may bee kept between the two Houses, for so your Lordships did expresse it

In this they do with all cheerfulnesse concurre with your Lordships, as knowing that this sweet *conjunction* between your *Lordships* and *them* is the *golden Chain* which bindes up in one *Gordian knot* the *strength*, the *beauty*, the *happinesse* of this Kingdom, which so knit together is not to be broken in sunder by the fiercest violence.

Therefore, who desires to unlinke this *Chaine*, and dissolve this *knot*, or fails of his part, to the preserving and continuing it *fast*, and *firme*, and *entire*, let the sin of it lie at his doure, nay, let it come into the midst of his house, and consume it, let *him* perish, and his *posterity* inherit only his shame.

So carefull will the House of Commons be to *cherish*, and *maintain*, this good correspondencie with your *Lordships* in all things.

Then for the businesse about which your *Lordships* were then pleased to conferre with them, which was a *printed paper* you had met with all, as you said, in your house, setting forth some *resolutions* of the *House* of *Commons*, concerning which you put unto us these two Interrogatories, *videlicet*, The first, and second Votes which were read.

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Die Veneris 30. Julij. 1641.

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THat this House doth conceive that the Protestation made by them is fit to bee taken by every person that is well affected in Religion, and to the good of the Common-wealth; And therefore doth declare, That what person soever shall not take the Protestation is unfit to beare Office in the Church or Common-wealth.

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THat the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and Barons of the Cinque-Ports respectively, shall forthwith send down to the severall places for which they serve Copies of this Vote of the House, concerning the Protestation.

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THat these Votes shall bee Printed and Attested under the Clerks hand.

And not finding this paper attested by their Clerke under his *hand*, they could not judge of it, till they had resorted to his *booke* where their *orders* and their *voses* are entred: where they found their *votes* concerning their late *Protestation* taken both by your *Lordships* and *them*, and they found the contents of this paper to agree *in terminis* with what is entred in their *Clerks* book.

Then they called to minde what had passed in the *House* upon that *occasion* when those *resolutions* of theirs were voted; How they had considered of that *Protestation* that it bound all men to defend the *Religion* here established, *&c.*

This they conceived to be a true *test* of every good *Subject*, a *Shibboleth* to distinguish the *Ephraimits* from the *Gileadites* that whosoever was wel affected in *Religion*, and to the good of the *Common-wealth* would make this Protestation; and on the other side who would not make it was not well affected.

And such a man, they held it their *duties*, in discharge of the *trust* reposed in them by the whole *Body* of the *Kingdome*, all the Commons of *England*, who have set them out as so many *Sentinels* to watch for them, to give them notice of the *good* or the *evill*, friends or enemies, comming towards them, they held it I say their duties to declare their *opinions*, that such a man was not their *friend*, was unfit to beare any office in *Church* or *State*, and therefore they passed this *Vote*, that it is a thing *fit* and *necessary* to be done by them; and for such they do avow it.

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And beſides they thought it fit to give an account to thoſe who had employed *them*, the ſeverall *Counties* and *Burroughs* that ſent them, to give them a *Marke*, by which they might know who were *goodmen*, lovers of their *Country*, fit to be entruſted with *Offices*, with the *over-ſight* of any part of *Church* or *State*: and therefore they gave *order* this *Vote* ſhould be ſent downe unto all the parts of this Kingdome.

And laſtly, that it might be done *ſpeedily*, and not ſtay the writing out of ſo many Copies, they gave order it ſhould be *printed*, and be *atteſted* under the *Clerks* hand, with order &c.

The Coppies of which *three Orders* your *Lordſhips* have in this *printed Paper*, which the *Commons* aſſembled in *Parliament* have commanded me to ſignifie unto your *Lordſhips*, and that the paſsing of theſe *Votes* they doe *own*, they do *avow*, they do *juſtifie*.

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And besides they thought it fit to give an account to those who had employed them, the Severall *Counties* and *Burroughs* that sent them, to give them a *Marke*, by which they might know who were *goodmen*, lovers of their *Countries*, fit to be entrusted with *Offices*, with the *over-sight* of any part of *Church* or *State*: and therefore they gave *order* this *Vote* should be sent downe unto all the parts of this Kingdome.

And lastly, that it might be done *speedily*, and not stay the writing out of so many Coppies, they gave order it should be *printed*, and be *attested* under the *Clerks* hand, with order &c.

The Coppies of which *three Orders* your *Lordships* have in this *printed Paper*, which the *Commons* assembled in *Parliament* have commanded me to signifie unto your *Lordships*, and that the passing of these *Votes* they doe *own*, they do *avow*, they do *justifie*.

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